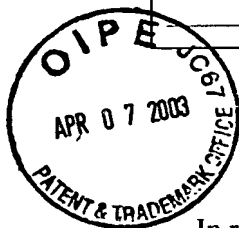


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Serial No. 09/638,654 : Group Art Unit: 1761  
Filed: August 14, 2000 : Examiner: A.J. Weier  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This response answers the office action dated January 13, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 8 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claim:

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34. A process of forming a customized coffee beverage from a brewer, comprising:
- brewing a coffee extract;
- storing the coffee extract in the brewer for no more than forty-eight hours; and
- preparing the customized coffee beverage from at least a portion of the coffee extract stored in the brewer, wherein preparation of the customized coffee beverage occurs after the coffee extract has been stored in the brewer for from about five minutes to about forty-eight hours, the coffee extract having a brew solids level of less than about 30% and a Delta Standard Yield of less than about 10%.